

MONTANA FISH, WILDLIFE & PARKS
INTERN PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

EMPLOYER: Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

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DATE OF ANNOUNCEMENT: Friday, January 9, 2015

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Friday, March 6, 2015 at 5:00 PM (postmarked)

****STUDENTS MUST BE CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN A UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE****

POSITION TITLE: Wildlife Intern

OF POSITIONS: 1

LOCATION(S): Miles City, MT

WORK START/END DATES: 15 May to 31 August

HOURS/WEEK: 40

TRAINING/ORIENTATION DATES: 15 May to 22 May

COMPENSATION (PAY, PER DIEM, HOUSING, VEHICLE, ETC):

\$9 – \$9.50/hr (depending on previous experience and funding) plus per diem at state rates. *There is no overtime for this position, paid holidays, or additional compensation for working on holidays or weekends.* A trailer will be provided for housing and a department vehicle provided for work travel. Interns must have their own transportation to and from the Miles City office.

POSITION DESCRIPTION:

Assist biologists in the day-to-day tasks associated with wildlife work. This is an opportunity to learn a variety of field skills including trapping, handling and identification of small mammals, mist-netting and identification of bats, surveys for amphibians and reptiles, habitat work on WMAs, and a variety of other field techniques. The intern will also assist with data entry and the maintenance of equipment as needed.

This position is based out of Miles City, MT, but will include travel throughout region 7 to assist biologists. There will be some office work, but most of the time will be spent in the field working in extreme conditions and remote settings.

SKILLS, ABILITIES, KNOWLEDGE NEEDED (EDUCATION; UNDERGRAD/GRAD LEVEL, SUGGESTED/REQUIRED MAJORS):

Applicants must be currently enrolled in an accredited university or college program. This includes all

public, private, community, vo-tech, and Native American institutions of higher learning. Preference will be given to those individuals enrolled in a program with wildlife biology, wildlife management, ecology, zoology, or closely related field.

No prior field experience is required, but applicants must be energetic and enthusiastic with an ability to learn new field skills quickly and have good map reading and orientation skills. Applicants must be able to follow oral and written directions accurately, be detail-oriented, organized, and work well independently and as part of a team. Applicants must also be physically fit and able to hike long distances while carrying equipment, willing to work in adverse weather, and tolerate buggy conditions.

Preference will be given to applicants with prior field experience that included data collection and data entry. Additional preference will be given to applicants with small mammal and/or bat ID skills.

APPLICATION MATERIALS/PROCEDURES (RESUME, COVER LETTER, REFERENCES, ETC.):

Please provide a letter of interest, resume, copy of transcripts, and 3 references with phone numbers and email addresses to Brandi Skone at bskone@mt.gov.

For more information regarding this position, please contact Brandi Skone at bskone@mt.gov or 406-234-0948.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: (;HOUSING OF ANY KIND PROVIDED OR POSSIBLY AVAILABLE I.E. TRAILER, FREE CAMP SPOT, BASEMENT APARTMENT, EXTRA SLEEPING ROOM, ETC.)

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